

of causing the ticket to move, and a second idling roller, extending beyond the powered roller, which is used to drive tickets of different widths in the direction of travel.

13. (New) Device according to claim 12, wherein the powered roller and the idling roller are respectively generally cylindrical in shape, substantially co-axial, and similar in radius, and the powered roller and the idling roller are substantially juxtaposed.

14. (New) Device according to claim 12, wherein the guidance means includes, facing the powered roller, at least one wall parallel to an edge of the ticket, forming a tab capable of defining the direction of travel of the ticket, while the block forms a chosen angle with said direction of travel.

15. (New) Device according to claim 14, wherein the guidance means includes, along the direction of travel, an upstream tab and a downstream tab, substantially juxtaposed and placed on either side of the powered roller.

16. (New) Device according to claim 14, wherein the block forms, in a direction from the powered roller towards the print head, an angle of between 89° and 90° , preferably in the region of 89.7° .

17. (New) Device according to claim 12, wherein the thermal print head includes a plurality of resistance heating elements capable of releasing heat to enable printing of the ticket, and the device further comprising means to electrically test the plurality of resistance elements, one by one, said testing means utilizing an addressing module for the plurality of resistance elements.

18. (New) Device according to claim 12, further comprising means of supporting the print head including a flexible plate fixed, on one hand, to the print head and, on the other hand, to a mounting integral with the block, together with a rigid plate fixed to the print head and equipped with an end bar substantially parallel to the direction of travel and seated so as to rotate about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of travel in an aperture

incorporated into the mounting, such that said rigid plate is capable of preventing pitching motion of the print head while at the same time allowing a rolling motion about said axis.

19. (New) Device according to claim 18, further comprising means of pushing the plate against the block, the print head being in a position facing the block.

20. (New) Device according to claim 19, wherein the pushing means includes an electro-magnet actuated electrically.

21. (New) Device according to claim 12, wherein the thermal print head is capable of printing barcodes on a ticket.

22. (New) Device according to claim 21, wherein the ticket includes magnetic information, and the device further comprises a magnetic recording head, while the print head is arranged to operate in conjunction with the magnetic recording station to print barcodes matching the magnetic information recorded on the ticket.

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